







**Treasure Chest****Listening****Activity 4: Listen and Pass It On**

Before doing this activity, play a "hot potato"-like game where a small group of children sit in a circle and pass around a stuffed animal or a ball. Explain to the children, "This is how to take something and pass it around." Next, ask "Who knows what it means to whisper?" You may need to model whispering. Then say, "Now we are going to listen to a magic word and pass it around."

-  Choose a magic word, such as a child's name or a new vocabulary word the children have been learning.
-  Whisper the magic word into the ear of the child next to you.
-  Have each child take a turn whispering the word to the child next to him or her, until it is passed around the circle.
-  Ask the last child to say the magic word.
-  Say if the word is correct or not.
-  If not, say the correct word. Remind the children that it is okay to stop and ask for clarification if they don't understand the whispered word.